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Applicant: Masahito TANAKA et al. Conf.: 2395  
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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Examiner's Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 28, 2003, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application. It should be noted that the present Amendment replaces the Amendment dated November 8, 2002.

In accordance with the Examiner's request, the amendments to the specification and claims have been made in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3 line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

Fig. 13 is a sectional view, corresponding to Fig. 2 of the first embodiment, showing an absorbent article according to another embodiment of the present invention;

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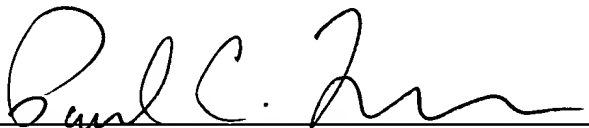
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